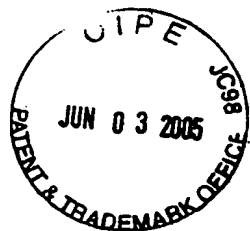


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Applicant : CHOU
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of December 27, 2004, the period for response to which has been extended to expire on **June 27, 2005** by the filing herewith of a Petition for a three-month extension of time and payment of the required fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows: